International Application No.: PCT/JP2004/007248

U.S. Patent Application No.: Unknown

December 27, 2005

Page 9 of 9

REMARKS

Claims 8-24 are pending in this application. By this Preliminary Amendment, Applicant AMENDS the specification and the abstract of the disclosure, CANCELS claims 1-7 and ADDS new claims 8-24.

Applicant has attached hereto a Substitute Specification in order to make corrections of minor informalities contained in the originally filed specification. Applicant's undersigned representative hereby declares and states that the Substitute Specification filed concurrently herewith does not add any new matter whatsoever to the above-identified patent application. Accordingly, entry and consideration of the Substitute Specification are respectfully requested.

The changes to the specification have been made to correct minor informalities to facilitate examination of the present application.

Applicant respectfully submits that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and prompt allowance are respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: December 27, 2005

Attorneys for Applicant

Joseph R. Keating Registration No. 37,368

Christopher A. Bennett Registration No. 46,710

Peter Medlev Registration No. 56,125

Stephen R. Funk Registration No. 57,751

KEATING & BENNETT, LLP

8180 Greensboro Drive, Suite 850 Tyson's Corner, Virginia 22102 Telephone: (703) 637-1480

Facsimile: (703) 637-1499